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FODDER FOR LIVESTOCK IN DROUGHT AFFECTED AREAS OF RAJASTHAN
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the arrangements made to make available fodder in drought hit areas of Rajasthan till date in order to protect the livestock alongwith the amount incurred thereon;

(b) whether due to the scarcity of fodder in drought hit areas the cattle breeders have shifted their cattle to other States;

(c) if so, the facilities/assistance provided to these cattle breeders; and

(d) the steps being taken by the Government to set up cow sheds (Gaushalas) and provide grants in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV)

(a): The following arrangements have been made to make available fodder in drought hit areas of Rajasthan.

1. 30,000 MT cattle feed grain have been allotted.

2. The Government of Rajasthan has been delegated power under Essential Commodities Act-1955 to regulate the fodder prices and restriction on unauthorized hoarding of fodder in order to make available more fodder to the affected animals.

3. All State Governments have been advised to stop burning of straw/stovers so that more fodder may be made available to the Rajasthan.

4. The surplus fodder availability in the neighbouring States has been informed to the Rajasthan for its procurement.

5. Governments of M.P. and U.P. have been requested not to impose the ban on the inter State movement of fodder.

(b): Migration of livestock from Rajasthan to other States is a regular phenomenon. However, it accentuates during drought period.

(c)&(d): An amount of Rs.11.66 crores have been made available from NCCF to Rajasthan to provide facilities for drought affected cattle in gaushalas.